

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29-54 stand in the present application, claims 29 and 41 having been amended. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 29-30 and 41-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kraay; has rejected claims 31 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Kraay in view of De l'Etraz et al. ("De l'Etraz"); has rejected claims 32-34, 38-40, 44-46 and 50-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Kraay in view of Kolluri et al. ("Kolluri"); and has rejected claims 35-37 and 47-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Kraay in view of Kolluri and further in view of De l'Etraz. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's §§ 102 and 103 rejections of the claims.

As noted above, Applicant has amended independent claims 29 and 41 to more clearly recite generating a plurality of records wherein each record pertains to a respective one of a plurality of users including first, second and third users. In addition, the record of the first user includes first, second and third fields wherein the first field holds data about the first user, the second field holds data about at least one second user obtained from a data base of the first user and the third field holds data referring to a record of at least the third user and wherein the records of the first user and the third user are identified as linked records. Support for these amendments can be found in the present application at, *inter alia*, page 16, lines 3-6 and Figure 4. Since Kraay does not teach or suggest a plurality of users wherein the record of the first user contains the

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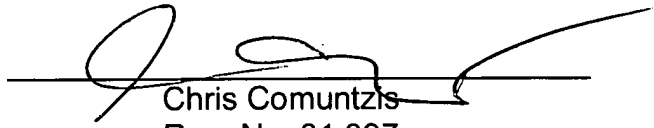
now more clearly required fields and that the records of the first user and the third user are linked records, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims patentably define over the cited reference. Moreover, the Examiner's secondary references do not solve the deficiencies noted above with respect to Kraay and therefore the present claims patentably define over the cited references taken either singly or in any combination.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 29-54, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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